Spurt in advertisement industry

†1734. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a continuous spurt in the advertisement industry of the country during the last few years;

(b) if so, the rate of annual growth during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(c) the amount of business transacted during each of the above years; and

(d) the year-wise amount paid to Government in form of tax during the above period on account of this business?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting is the nodal Ministry for dissemination of information to the masses regarding Government's developmental plans and policies. This Ministry's Media Unit—Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity-caters to the communication needs of all Central Ministries/Departments. As such, information in respect of the whole advertisement industry throughout the country is not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Live Telecasting of Cricket Matches on Doordarshan

†1735. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the match between India and West Indies, played in Cuttack, was telecast on Doordarshan after a delay of seven minutes;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.